

REMARKS

New Claims 21 through 26 have been added. New Claim 21 includes all the limitations of previous Claims 1 and 2. New Claim 22 includes all the limitations of previous Claims 1, 3, and 4. New Claim 23 includes all the limitations of previous Claims 1 and 6. New Claim 24 includes all the limitations of previous Claims 1 and 8. New Claim 25 includes all the limitations of previous Claims 1 and 19. New Claim 26 includes all the limitations of previous Claims 1 and 17.

Claim 5 is now made dependent upon new Claim 22. Claim 7 is now made dependent upon new Claim 23. Claims 9, 10 and 11 are each now made dependent upon new Claim 24 and Claim 20 is now made dependent upon new Claim 25.

Claims 1 through 4, 6, 8, and 13 through 19 have been cancelled, since it is believed that the balance of the claims remaining in this application after amendment adequately protects the Applicants' invention.

In the latest office action the Examiner had indicated that Claims 2, 4 through 12, 17, 19 and 20, thought being objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Applicants' attorney respectfully submits that new Claims 21 through 26 and the new dependence of dependent claims thereupon meet the aforementioned criteria.

Since it is believed that this application has been placed in condition for allowance, such action is respectfully requested.



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